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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2174

Examiner: S. Muhebbullah

For: System And Method For Enabling The Originator Of An Electronic Mail Message
To Preset An Expiration Time, Date, And/Or Event, And To Control And Track
Processing Or Handling By All Recipients

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated May 8, 2002. Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 18, 23-30 as indicated by the clean copy of amended claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 18, 23-30 in Appendix A, attached hereto. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is included in Appendix B, also attached hereto.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Rejection of Claims 18, 23-24, and 26-30 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been addressed by:

- a. amending claim 18 to recite -a clock- rather than "the clock";
- b. amending claims 23 and 24 to depend from claim 22 rather than claim 21;
- c. amending claim 26-30 to depend from claim 25 rather than claim 24.